

REMARKS

The amendments to the claims are for the purpose of clarification, and not for the purpose of patentability.

In dependent claim 2, the word “ the” has been deleted as it is superfluous.

Claim 22 has been amended to conform with the format of the other claims.

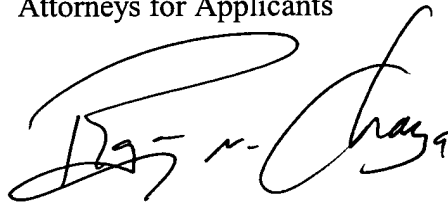
Conclusion

The foregoing is proper subject matter for Amendment under Rule 312, as such amendments do not necessitate a new search or review of the prior art. Entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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